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Nerve Strain on Soldiers.

Col Surg Dannehl, of the German army, makes an assertion which has crenervous as in 1870."

The figures are alarming, but the statement is not overdrawn, as the investiteria and of a still larger number of indi-

make tremendous demands on the solto bear the strain. He therefore recomalways be immediately selected whose telegraphy has already proved detrimental

nervous system. We now concentrate our physical and mental faculties and functions to become atrophied. We live under a constant strain, and the generations to come will be the greater suffer ers. Figures are not at hand, but the proportion of insane may not be greater for those who in past decades went insane now perish, lacking the stamina to survive the pressure.

The pace set in America and Europe is effort to change conditions. The sursame meaning it had when first used. Those who now survive conserve the energy others dissipate, probably for the benefit of mankind, but certainly to their own destruction.

As to "Uncle Joe."

Says the Bristol Herald-Courier: "One of the curious developments of recent months

is the esteemed Washington Herald's near-admiration of the Ancient and Honorable Joseph G.

we have no crow to pick with our esteemed contemporary that it evidences a disposition to join the anvil chorus with respect to that gentleman; but we have labored to small purpose in the tournalistic vineyard if we have not yet learned to be fair, even at the sacrifice of some applause from the galleries now and then, if necessary.

It may be that distance lends enchantment to certain phases of the political game as it is played in Washington, especially relating to the House of Representatives, but right here on the home base a great deal of buncombe and nonsense that passes for patriotism and proposed reform a thousand miles away does not impress profoundly or lastingly. We have watched the "outs" seeking to overthrow the "ins" for a good many years in Washington, and the preponderance of virtue has always seemed to dwell with the "outs" as against the bine two messages to Congress in one. "ins"-to hear the "outs" tell it. We have heard Speakers abused and severely arraigned by statesmen who afterward came into power themselves only to out-Herod all deposed Herods in the matter of striving for partisan advantage and the material things that go along with majority control.

The Herald-Courier is mistaken when it flippantly refers to our so-called "near- English, moreover. admiration" for the present Speaker of the House, Such admiration as we have for him-and we have an abundance-is real and maturely considered. But we feeelings, presumably. have never undertaken to apologize for him or especially to defend him. If we did, it would be entirely gratuitous; and in Africa," notes the Brooklyn Eagle. larly to him, save in so far as any man so constantly under fire might incline to appreclate an effort to be just toward

Mr. Cannon probably has his faults, impatient with knockers. even though we more erudite Heralds and Herald-Couriers may not have, and, hence. Mr. Cannon seemingly has done many ever resigned, but if somebody should things of a political nature that he ought put up the "What is soda pop?" quesnot to have done, and has left undone many things that he ought to have done. There have been melancholy moments Adamson, is an ex-Atlanta newspaper

his ways. We fear-confidentially-that long before he went to the New York there have been moments, too, when World. The Journal does not mean to standing the fact that he seemed not to quent work should be rated-er-overripe think it necessary to make any extraordinary stir because of that surprising the yesteryear? circumstance. But nothing has ever come under our analytical observation that has led us to suspect for one moment that from Elba" movement in favor of Mayor he is anything less than honest, candid, McClellan. loyal to his friends, and reasonably fair SCOTT C. BONE, Editor to an enemy. And we can forgive a man HENRY L. WEST. - . - - Business Manager a great many sins, both of omission and day, come forward and confound the

about him. If it were not that we might be held carrier or man. guilty of endeavoring to damn the Speaker The Houston Post has been making ... \$6,00 per year | with faint praise, we should advance the fun of the Charleston News and Cour-good as his crowd. Even then, of course, Charleston paper vouchsafes the interopinions would vary as to how much of a by a lady." Looks like trouble for the real compliment that is. And yet, when Post. contributions, and no communications to we get right down to hard pan, the the editor will be printed except over the Speaker is nothing more or less than the "Lo! the poor temperature," says the "Cannonism" in the House simply means enough, all right! should be sent with the manuscript for regnant regular Republicanism therein, and you cannot get away from it.

Now, if anybody desires to exhaust the addressed to supply of superheated adjectives bombarding that-why, that is his business, and it is a very different sort of proposition. We merely opine that it is not fit Chicago Representative, BARNARD & BRAN- and proper that the sins of the multitude been raided in Tennessee. The neighbor- me the cars are stalled outside. That be visited exclusively upon the Speaker, hood will now have to find some other actor lady's hotel is next door, but we and for no other apparent reason than that he is a shining mark and easily reached.

Wireless Control.

A bill has been introduced in Congress ated a stir in Europe. In the new Army by Representative E. W. Roberts, of Medical Journal the officer says: "The Massachusetts, providing for a commisnext time Germany goes to war it will sion to suggest some means by which to Mr. Gaynor's credit, perhaps; but even to kiss their wives in the morning. be with an army which is thrice as there may be proper and adequate regula- Mr. Murphy will admit that it tempers "Yes; and some men won't even go back tion of wireless telegraphy and telephony. precious little wind to the numerous This statement is backed up with fig- There are advantages of such an arures taken from the statistics of the rangement, and it is surprising that this Medical Service Corps, where it is shown government has accomplished nothing in that in the last ten years the number of that direction with all the appeals which nerve sufferers in the German army has have been made for several years for some means to protect wireless communiflicted with hysteria by 300 per cent. catlon. In the proposition which Mr. of Mr. Knox's activity against me was Owing to the stress of modern times, Roberts has advanced, he takes into con- to force my resignation," says Hon. Zethe military-naval, aspect. At present it is possible for any amateur to erect a gator points out that no account is taken wireless outfit and interfere with comof the large number of cases of latent hys- munication. There are instances, which "great moneyed interests." That may be viduals whose nerves may be expected great expense and trouble caused by this hearts, we suspect, the "great moneyed The next war, the writer says, will It appears to be a pastime of some mischievous amateurs to send messages to specially trying tasks a contingent could The lack of official regulation of wireless condition would enable them to stand the to public interests, and something ought strain with the best prospect of success. to be done without further delay to es- Can Write." Oh, one can write all sorts Life has become more complex, and the tablish a system which will protect wire- of checks, and one may, indeed; but mourn his genil. specializing process through which we less communication from irresponsible most of the time-anyway, what's the are passing has had its effect on the meddlers. The bill which has been introduced by Mr. Roberts provides a means energies, which means that we sap vital- by which this desired result can be acity by allowing the greater part of our complished without peril to the commercial element, which is a consideration

Searching Tax Dodgers.

quite as important in its way as the safe

guarding of official interests

It is an interesting effort that Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, is making to bring about a complete and equitable collection of taxes on personal property. He underdestructive; we all know it, yet make no takes the task of enforcing the command of the constitution of the State that "all should become an issue Mr. Bryan would get many vival of the fittest no longer has the property of every kind shall be taxed by votes he never had before. a uniform rule, according to its true value in money." He asks the legislature to make a statute that shall be stringent and in another State. This device he would thwart by requiring every one who lives in Ohio during any part of the year to make a full return of his taxable prop- From the New York Sun. erty. Upon this the tax would be collected, unless the owner gives satisfactory Oh, we know it is more or less the fad another State. Failure to establish that rejected Democratic statesmanship. to take a fall out of the Speaker when- fact should be made conclusive proof of ever occasion legitimately presents itself residence in Ohio. Still another method or may be manufactured nowadays, and is to require that any one bringing suit involving property shall be required to cause he repeats himself. But that fact does not show that the property shall not have escaped taxation.

It is proposed that no estate shall be dis- the past. tributed without "proof that all moneys, credits, and securities of the deceased were duly returned for taxation." Otherwise the property in default, or some part of it, must go to the State; or else there must be payment of an amount equal to what the taxes would have been had proper returns been made. This experiment will be observed with careful scrutiny by students of taxation. The root of the matter would appear to lie in individual honesty and public spirit. Without them the unscrupulous will continue to profit at the expense of citizens who fulfill conscientiously their financial obligation to the Commonwealth,

Another Roosevelt policy gone glimmering! President Taft proposes to com-

If the ultimate consumer can manage hand of the law. to survive a little longer, he may see the ultimate merger.

Mr. John Barrett has been elected president of the Esperanto Association. the railway men, but was sadly disappointed at their in the air, and everybody drenched to the However, Mr. Barrett is still perfectly want to know, and in perfectly good to be expected from the conference?

The Belgians have started off their new King with the title of "Albert the Good," just to show there are no hard

"Rooseveit employs only six skinners not that we thought it mattered particu- | Well, that is six more assistants than he ever seemed to need in Washington.

> "Fortune knocks once at every men's door," says the Blakely Reporter. Which door," says the Blakely Reporter. Which shows that it is not always well to be impatient with knockers.
>
> Shows that it is not always well to be impatient with knockers.
>
> Surely wake the dead.
>
> And they daily come and storm at him until his ford to do so "never carry an umbrella."
>
> Far from being ashamed at such a consleep is fied

No President of the United States has tion to Mr. Taft, he might,

Mayor Gaynor's new secretary, "Bob" when we disapproved of "Uncle Joe" and man, and the Journal of that burg says fain would have had him see the error of his "ripest" work was done in Atlanta,

"Uncle Joe" disapproved of us, notwith- intimate, however, that "Bob's" subse-

Where are the undesirable habits of

So far, no one has started a "Back

time butchered to make a shark's holicommission, when we can feel that way New York Sun and its anti-man eating shark crusade?

concentration of majority control-and New York Mail. Br-r-r-r-f! It is low ing about the turkey hash?"

"Times change. Bill Chandler can hang descent from white meat to corn beef kind sailor in the bunch, his hat anywhere in the White House of gradual like." now," says the Boston Herald. Still, he has not yet hung it over the picture of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt.

A "blind tiger" located in a well has vasty deep from which to call up spirits. gotter walk two miles through the drifts." Dr. Fletcher says every bite of beef-

steak should be chewed not less than

thirty-two times before swallowing. The doctor believes in getting his money's Mr. Gaynor's high opinion of Mr. Charles Murphy, publicly expressed, is entirely

shorn lambs of Tammany persuasion. Mr. Morse's final statement concerning jalls and things may be taken to have set forth an inside view.

"I believe that the primary purpose diary for several days.' these numbers are increasing relatively sideration the commercial interests as laya. By and by, Hon. Zelaya will likely well as the official, as distinguished from conclude that Senator Rayner is no friend of his, either.

Gov. Vardaman says he is being "bitwill doubtless be exhibited to Congress, of the surface view; deep down in their irregular operation of wireless telegraphy. Interests" rather favor Gov. Vardaman for Senator.

A carload of Texas turkeys that rediers' nervous systems, and only those naval ships and revenue cutters, and cently netted the producer 11 cents per number of "howlers" submitted in concently netted the producer 11 cents per number of "howlers" submitted in concentration are whose nerves are of steel will be able generally impede public business with no pound was finally disposed of to the genother object than amusement for them- tle consumer at 33 cents per pound. Looks ranged by the University Correspondent mends that a strict watch be kept by selves. This might result seriously and, as if that dear Mr. Johnsing, the middle- for the best collection of twelve mistakes regimental commanders over the nervous indeed, in real disaster if there is no man, may get a fairly healthy rake-off made by schoolboys: efficiency of their troops, so that for official hindrance to this peculiar sport. somewhere along the line of these transactions.

The Augusta Chronicle of Monday last carried an editorial on "The Checks You

Hold tight to the water wagon, gentlemen! Remember, a tide cometh after

ANENT OUR STATESMEN.

Mr. Clark's Defense, From the Atlanta Constitution. Since the elequent defense of Champ Clark, the Missouri mule has no kick coming.

Mr. Bryan's Priority. It is worth noting that in the classification of the so-called insuggents, Mr. Bryan is in the running as the original. If this question of priority

Mr. Roosevelt's Quest.

From the Lafayette Courier. Now and then a word from the interior of the effective. He would block the method of Dark Continent says that Mr. Roosevelt still seeks evasion by citizens who claim residence a white rhinoceros. Provided he finds one, the beast would be worth more than reams and reams of dellar-a-word manuscript.

Mr. Clark Is Sanguine.

If the Hon. Champ Clark has any confidence in this law of chances kind of logic the Republican party is doomed and the millennium is in sight evidence that it has been duly taxed in for a people who for so long a time have fatuously

> Mr. Cannon and Insurgents. From the Boston Herald.

warrant sneers. One of the interesting and warning facts about Cummins and his fellow-insurgents is that they are repeating what they have said in

The Speaker and Ohio.

It cannot be too clearly understood that Canpublicanism. When, therefore, Ohio papers acknowledge that Cannonism is without support in ly inserted his arm and removed a few there has set.

Mr. Hull's Preamble.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Representative Hull is now proposing that Congress shall investigate "the increased cost of living." This is a very proper suggestion, but the preamble of Mr. Hull's resolution suggests that he already knows so much about it as to make prolonged

inquiry needless.

Mr. Hitchcock's Resignation. rom the Hartford Times, Mr. Roosevelt's own part in the business in mind out. when he wrote that letter of November 30, 1906, putting on record this statement of the "powerful es" that had been exerted to weaken the

Mr. Taft and the Railways,

From the New York Evening Post It is reported that President Taft "cheerfully accepted a few minor verbal alterations urged by London, a sulphur-brown or pea-soup fog secrecy. William Baxter, who was an May 24, 1844, the official test was made. general ettitude of hostility to the large changes skin, I sat on a 'bus top beside a Parsee willing to tell anybody anything he may he has in mind. But was anything else soberly

THE BREAKFAST BELL,

(After E. A. Poe's "The Bells.") Hear the moaning of the bell,

Breakfast bell.

What a host of horrid feelings seems to dwell In the slowly wakening brain Of the comfortable swain

Seem to penetrate his bones

Round about his bedroom doormat-they would

(And he feels it's quite inhuman On the part of any woman, So to speak). And their voices seem to swell To a wild unearthly yel And he stands it for a spell
Till he feels it's very plain he will miss his morn-

and his morning feed as well So he answers to the bell Rises groaning at the bell. At the moaning of the bell, Of the horrible unutterable ball. A LITTLE NONSENSE.

NOT PERFECT.

Her hair is dark, with glossy glint And sheen, Except where puffs, of lighter tint, Are seen.

Her skin is soft; 'tis snowy, too, And nice, Save where the freckles glimmer through

She does not claim to be a belle, Or boast: And after all she looks as well

The rice.

As most.

A Budding Magnate, 'What has become of Johnny's engine and his cars and his toy track?" "The little boy next door has 'em. He

got Johnny to agree to merge their roads.' Going Back.

"Why are the funny men always kick-"Give it up."

At the Play. "I'm worried about that pore actress

"I think it's a good thing. It makes the

"Save yer worry, ma. The usher tells

Attenuated.

turned out in the snow."

A word to funny folks Might help a lot. Some of their cherished jokes Have little plot.

"Some men go back when they forget when they forget their overshoes.'

So Soon? "Is life a blank to you now?" "What makes you ask such a question as that?"

Back to First Principles,

"You haven't made any entries in your

for stealing a pig."

SOME PRIZE MISTAKES.

ing up.

Selection of School Boy Errors Submitted in Competition.

From the Detroit News, The following is a selection from a large

Lord Raleigh was the first man to see the Invisible Armada. In India a man out of cask may not narry a woman out of another cask.

Tennyson write "In Memorandum. George Eliot left a wife and children to Thomas Becket used to wash the feet of leopards.

Henry I died of eating Palfreys. French revolution. Romulus obtained the first citizens for

Rome by opening a lunatic asylum. The Rhine is bordered by wooden moun-

Algebraical symbols are used when you don't know what you are talking about. Geometry teaches us how to bisex angels.

Gravitation is that which if there were none we should all fly away, A renegade is a man who kills a king. The press to-day is the mouth organ trust, and over in the House-well, they anti-smoke leagues, encourage the prevenof the people.

A lie is an aversion to the truth.

tian. Pythagoras built a bridge for asses. Etymology is a man who catches butterlies and stuffs them. Women's suffrage is the state of suf-

fering to which they were born. Il pleut a verse .- He cries at poetry. Le coeur purifie.-The disinfected yard. Ad hostes supplices sucerdotes venerunt. surplices.

three scorpions runs into the sea. Celeri saucius malus Africo,-Celery sauce is had for an African.

Hors de combat.-The hour of battle, A Jacobs Story.

From Success Magazine. W. W. Jacobs, the humorist, tells the following story: A lawyer defending a man accused of

housebreaking spoke like this: "Your honor, I submit that my client nonism is Republicanism, the purest, truest Re- did not break into the house at all. He Ohio they acknowledge that the Republican star trifling articles. Now, my client's arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for a: offense committed only by one of his

limbs." "That argument," said the judge, "is very well put. Following it logically, I January 6, 1838, that the first telegraph at the other. Vail's father, who was senting the interests of the tobacco trust sentence the defendant's arm to one year's imprisonment. He can accompany Morse possessed the master mind which instrument, wrote on a piece of paper.

it or not, as he chooses." The defendant smiled, and with the he lacked the money to carry out his "If you can send this, and Mr. Morse

Atmosphere in London.

"Yes; this is bad weather," said Sen-"It is nothing to London, though. "Once, on a dripping winter day in

in a red fez.

sort o' chap that is?' "'He's a Parsee,' said I. An Indian, entirely new instrument involving a Morse had promised his young friend, you know; a sun worshiper.' "'Worships the sun, does he, sir?' said

the wet and shivering driver. 'I suppose

whip, said to me:

he's come 'ere to 'ave a rest!" " Ill-provided for a Rainy Day.

From Men's Wear. Thousands of men who might well affession, they make of it a vainglorious suffers from this weakness.

No, it Doesn't. From Judge.

"The management of one of the big opera houses in New York has to pay Chittenden (1730), Charles Sumner (1811), eminent American statesman; Joseph \$2,000 a week for conductors." "Does it pay the same rate for motor- States Geological Survey; Joan d'Arc (1402), Richard II of England (1366), and men?"



The group of Senators who went to the than now, though only in recent years night. place. They spent two days at Panama, and in that time witnessed the system hour and the waves were about forty feet high. The other members of the party didn't dispute the measurements of the Pennsylvanian. Senator Heyburn couldn't, for he was troubled with an uneasiness commonly called sea sickness, and remained in extle. The Senator of Websterian appearance was the only poor

. . . . It was noticed that the custom of drap ing the desk of a deceased Senator was omitted in the case of the late Senato McLaurin. The omission was the first instance of the kind for many years, and was commented on favorably by many of the Senators, some of them regarding the custom grewsome and unnecessary.

Ex-Senator Henry Gassaway Davis spent half an hour or so on the floor of the Senate, conversing with first one on the Republican side and then with another on the Democratic side. Most of his time was spent, however, with Senator Root, and he ended his visit with a heart-toheart talk with his son-in-law, Senator Elkins. While talking with Senator Elafter exchanging greetings with the once defeated candidate for the Vice Presidency, asked what brought him in their midst. "Oh." said Mr. Davis, "I have to come over once in a while, just to look after Steve. I have to give him some of them."

"They used to hang a man in England Senators Dick and Burton, of Ohio, are be denied. brotherly talk about affairs at home.

> thereafter the jovial West Virginian en- ally, the regulations imposed to protect tertained at luncheon a distinguished it. Or is the interest in landscape art? that time most of the prominent members party in the Senate restaurant. In the There are the parks, the ornamental of the Liberal party deserted its ranks William K. Vanderbilt, of New York; ment of grounds surrounding public and Duke of Devonshire, and many others." Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Miss Katherine Elkins, the Vice President, Senators of viewpoints and natural beauty. Kean and Brandegee, Messrs, Gary and Hitt, of New York

Senator Gordon has taken a great fancy Senate, Senator Thompson complained of the old war horse, "I haven't taken cruit. medicinne of any kind for over fifty-one Vears.

There is no mistake about the State of the fixtures of the common way. Georgia being in the spotlight continually. that State is "Johnny on the spot" when affection for the city and town where men it comes to a question of law, international or otherwise; Senator Clay is waiting to get another crack at the sugar are there with both feet; Addison, with his defense of Roosevelt; Griggs, with organizations, join the tree planting so-A deacon is the lowest kind of Chris- his cloak-room jokes; Lon Livingston, with "I-am-a-farmer" look; Gordon Lee, with his "Glad to see you," and the mid- care for them. gets, Bartlett and Tommy Hardwick, ever present and getting a word in edgewise with persistency.

-The priests came to the enemy in their of the committee of investigation, and that dictionary! But I felt sure that one Terra tribus scopulis vastum procurrit special committee will be headed by Sen- would come to a bad end, and I was n acquor.-The earth being laid waste by ator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, and not a bit surprised to learn that he had from his sturdy character, his record for been hanged for the murder of Dr. honesty and fairness, it is assured that Parkman." the investigation will be far reaching and thorough. As to the make-up of the rest of the committee there is consider- From the Kansas City Times, able doubt, but it is probable that the If kissing transmits fatal germs, how Root.

IMPROVING OUR CITIES.

Great Movement in which There Is Work for Every Citizen,

harles Mulford Robinson, in the Craftsman,

the fury of the gale, said the wind was it broadens markets by the attraction of tion-the Liberal party would not dare blowing at the rate of eighty miles an residents, transient and permanent; it bring in a bill granting home rule to ul, but inexpensive recreation. ments, clean yards are included in its measure of the new cabinet. propaganda, and it is one of the stanch-

Civic improvement paints out the sign of have to vote on it as a special issue.

Keep off the grass. past are preserved, the historic sites are ance. There is much talk about taxing kins, Senator Bankhead walked up, and marked, and the beauty of earlier archi- great estates of the lords and commoners.

tecture is reverenced. Is one's interest in sociology? The recreation house, with its evening entertainments, the better factory surroundfatherly advice at times, and this is one ings, the folk dance, the many and va-A great majority of the Senators are the civic club itself in its essential davery much interested in conservation, but mocracy, all this is effort that will not butter, were to shut down as a conse-

much more interested in conversation Is one's interest in art and culture? "Well, it will be grand larceny in this about the situation in their State. While Suppose it is music. There are the free ountry before long if prices keep go- the attention of the Senate was directed band concerts in the parks. Or sculpture? peatedly by trickery. I remember when at everything that pertained to the pro- There are the public statues and founposed investigation of the controversy, tains. Or painting? There are the gal- of Commons on granting home rule to they were attentive to each other in a leries, for which civic improvement Ireland, and the Conservatives arose and Senator Elkins introduced a resolution Or architecture? There are the monu- announced that the bill had passed unaniin the Senate asking for an investigation mental civic centers, the noble bridges, mously. It was unanimous because the of the increased cost of foodstuffs. Soon the encouragement of good design gener- opposition had left. And then, after all, party were Mrs. Robert Goelet and Mrs. squares and open spaces, the improve- as Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Goschen, the private buildings, and the preservation

Is one rich? To him appeal the drives, the increased splendor of environment, ing of the new State, said: the great avenues. Is one poor? For Does one love animals? The drinking fountains on the streets, the sheep on Louis XVI was gelatined during the Southerner was sympathetic, but he re- park meadows, the birds and waterfowl, marked that he never was sick, and, said even the zoo and aviary make him a re-

street furnishings to interest him-name signs, light standards, trolley poles-all

Does one, without pretending to art, yet In the Senate, Senator Bacon, of loving beauty and grace and fitness, feel congregate, and desire to surround with pleasantness the lives of the people? He may enter the biliboard fight, join the tive work of the juvenile street cleaning cieties, and work to secure municipal control of the street trees and expert

The Versatile Mr. Webster.

I P Rhodes in "Historical Essays." An English gentleman remarked to an The most important item of gossip American: "What a giant intellect that around the House on the Hin is the Webster of yours had! To think of so probable findings. It is certain that the who towered so much above his fellows

Needs Explanation.

Birthday of the Telegraph—January 6.

greatest and most useful inventions of a coil of wire three miles long. Vail was all times, the telegraph. It was on at one end of the wire and Morse was ney, who is at the Raleigh, and is repreapparatus was completed. Samuel F. B. skeptical as to the possibility of such an before the Supreme Court, related a peconceived this wonderful instrument, but "A patient waiter is no loser," and said, Vail, also an electrician and inventor, machine was taken to Washington and Morse's ideas were put into workable caused not only wonder but excitement. shape. Alfred Vafl, following Morse's The first telegraph line was constructed plans, constructed the instrument, which between Washington and Baltimore, and near Morristown, N. J.

The work was conducted with great Washington. isfactory to Vail, and he constructed an ment officials. lever or "point" on a radically different Miss Ellsworth, who had surprised him dots and dashes.

good news that the machine was com- of the inventor was complete.

the wedding day of George Washington and Martha Custis (1759).

To-day is the birthday of one of the pleted. An experiment was made with custody of the National Museum, at

employe at the works, rendered valuable In charge of the Baltimore end of the assistance. Morse had devised a series wire was Alfred Vail, Morse's partner. of ten numbered leaden types, which while at the other instrument in the "When the Parsee got off, the driver were to be operated in giving the signals, chamber of the United States Supreme of the 'bus, touching his hat with his but which necessitated the use of a dic- Court, at Washington, sat the inventor tionary by which the numbers could be himself, now fifty-three years old. sur-"'Would you mind tellin' me, sir, wot translated into words. This was not sat- rounded by his friends and high govern-

principle, which, when tested, produced a year before with the news of the passage of his bill, that she should send the Vail found that the letter "e" was the first message. Her mother suggested the most frequently used, and he accordingly words "What hath God wrought!" and assigned it the shorter symbol, a single they were accepted by the inventor, who dot. He visited a printing office, and found them quite in accord with his own from the problem, as worked out in the religious feelings. Written in the Morse compositor's case, devised the famous alphabet the four words were transmitted dot-and-dash alphabet, misnamed the to Baltimore, and a moment later were "Morse." At last the machine was in flashed back by Mr. Vali. It was the first boast. Many an otherwise sensible man working order, and Baxter, on January message to be recorded on a complete 6, hatless and coatless, announced the line of telegraph, and with it the triumph

AT THE HOTELS.

"Present indications point to the possible return of the Liberal party to power What is the secret of that wave of city in England again, but it will be with a and town improvement effort which is greatly reduced majority; not big enough, so conspicuously sweeping over the coun- however, to be a working majority," said try? Civic improvement has always been George S. Wyndham, of Liverpool, Enga need-not less great at the beginning land, an ex reporter, at the Raleigh, last

Isthmus of Panama on a trip of inspec- has it led to energetic action. To-day the "The Liberal party, as it is to-day, is tion and pleasure have returned, much movement is continent-wide, and has en- made up of so many factions from which pleased with what they saw at that listed all sorts and conditions of people. It draws its support, that the slightest Has one business or industrial inter- dissension may cause a defection which ests? Civic improvement facilitates the may join hands with the Conservatives of improvements. On their return they transportation of merchandise by street and thereby bring about the fall of the encountered a severe storm off the Ba- and rail and water; it lessens wear and Liberal party. That being the case-take hamas. Senator Penrose in describing tear by the improvement of pavements; it for granted, for the sake of an illustraincreases the efficiency of labor by the Ireland. It would be bound to bring provision of a more wholesome environ- about dissension which might precipitate ment, and the opportunities for health- its fall and demise. So, even if the Liberal party should be returned, it would Has one interest in sanitation? Pure not be in a position to make good the ir, pure food, and pure water are among pledges it gave to the Irish party, which its objects; and better housing is one of naturally would insist on the passage of its first desires. Public baths, clean pave- the home rule bill as the first legislative

> "And even if the Liberal party were reest allies in the "white plague" fight. | turned with the tremendous majority it Has one leve for little children? The now enjoys in the House of Commonshild is the special ward of the civic im- something over 300-it would not mean, provement effort. For him the play- contrary to popular expectations, the round is equipped, for him the school diminution or abridgment of any of the is made healthful, efficient, beautiful rights or prerogatives of the House of without and within; for him are the Lords. This branch of the national legisswimming holes in the parks, the skating lature was established by King John, and onds and toboggan slides, the ball its rights are obtained in the constitution grounds, the interplayground meets; and of England. It is as secure as the House for the "little mother" are story-telling, of Commons, which was brought about by sewing, and singing; the swing, the flow- Oliver Cromwell. In order to change the ers, and for her charges the sand box. status of the Lords, the people would

> "England is not a socialistic country. Does one look back instead of for- notwithstanding the fact that the Socialward? The worthy landmarks of the ists in Parliament hold the power of bal-If that should be done, there is nothing to prevent the owners of these estates from playground, the park, the better housing abandoning them or shutting them down make their appeal. The social center, the and discharging those who are employed on them, sometimes as high as 500, composed of gamekeepers, gardeners, farmers,

> servants, artisans, and others. ious activities which are included in the "What would these people do if the growing social service of the parks, even estate, which employes them and supplies them with their daily bread and quence of the Liberal party executing their threat of taxation.

> "The Liberal party got into power re-Gladstone put the question to the House strives; the mural decorations in the pub- left the house in a body as a sign of lic buildings, the pictures in the schools. protest. Quick as a flash, Mr. Gladstone, home rule was not put in execution. At

> > Robert M. Hiatt, of Leahoma, Okla., at the New Willard last evening, in speak-

"Oklahoma is destined to become one him are the public gardens, the vacant of the greatest, if not the leading State to the likewise new Senator from North lot cultivation, and all that beauty and in the Union, it being progressive and Dakota, Senator Thompson. They took comfort and pleasure which is proffered enterprising in most every particular line lunch together, and on their return to the to the citizens as a common possession. or branch of business from its own resources: it is rapidly ulation, and the small towns of a few years ago are now fast developing into large cities, such as Enid, Guthrie, Oklanoma City, and others, all having the Is one a craftsman? There are the latest improvements and facilities as in the Eastern cities. The opportunities for young men are splendid, and the farmers are prosperous and their homes of the

Capt. J. L. Bass and Mr. J. Nephew King, leading citizens and public spirited men, of Rome, Ga., are in the city-the former at the Willard, the latter at the

Shoreham. "King and myself," said Capt. Bass last night, "are here in the interest of the greatest and most magnificent waterway possibility in the entire South-an open Coosa River from Rome, Ga., to the Gulf of Mexico. The showing we shall be able to make before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House -before which we shall appear to-morrow-will be convincing, and ought to Ballinger-Pinchot dispute, the formation great an orator and statesman writing get results, if results are ever to be obtained for entirely worthy objects. Deep water from Rome to Mobile, where the Coosa empties into the Gulf, would be of inestimable advantage to the richest and finest section of the south-central South; affording water transportation, as it would, for all the territory along the way of Gadsden, Ala., Wetumpka, Montgomery, and on down. We believe we have a good proposition to submit-and Eastern member will be Senator Elihu dees it happen that all the babies kissed the reports of government experts reby Lafayette are dying at the age of 110?

cently looking into this matter confirm our brightest hopes and aspirations, "The whole South is booming as never before. If it can get its just deserts from the Federal government-and I nust say the government is showing disposition to give it just that-it will simply flow with milk and honey in the years to come. In fact, Dixie probably is destined to be the prosperity center of the world pretty soon, no matter what happens."

Charles R. Carruth, a New York attorculiar coincidence yesterday. He said:

"I happened to meet at the Supreme Court another lawyer who is connected lawyer's assistance unscrewed his cork project. He gave private demonstra- can read it at the other end, I shall be with the case, and in exchanging names, The truth-seems to be that Mr. Hitchcock had arm, and, leaving it on the dock, walked tions of what he had accomplished, but convinced." It was accomplished and he gave his as Edward G. Rogers, of St. through the financial assistance of Alfred the father's delight knew no bounds. The Paul, Minn. One word brought on another, and finally he asked me where I was from. I told him Berlin, Wis., whereupon he informed me that he also was ator Tillman, on a day of rain and sleet. was made at the Speedwell Iron Works, the first instrument used is now in the that his family lived across the street from that place. It finally developed from my people, and that I used to know him quite well when both of us were boys, which was more than forty years ago. We certainly never thought at that time the we would meet again, both as lawyers, representing the same case before the same tribunal. What a small world this is, after all?"

Great Cities and Big Ones,

A city can be great without being big, and if one-half of the energy expended by chambers of commerce and boards of trade in booming their cities were devoted to bettering them the results would be more satisfactory, even from a business standpoint. There are already a number of relatively or actually small American cities to which people of means are moving by choice because they are desirable places to live in or in which to bring up children. Civic virtue is becoming an asset that the shrewd business man will not long overlook.

Fair Exchange.

Other notable events happening on January 6 were the birth of Thomas From Life. "Do you have social relations with their Holt (1807), the jurist; Clarence King (1843), the originator of the United family?

"No: purely business-we exchange Christmas presents."